

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: REBUILDING THE LEBANESE ARMY

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE WAS PREPARED  
JULY 3 FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN: I CAN CONFIRM  
THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE  
CONGRESS ON THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO  
LEBANON, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSIST-  
ANCE TO HELP REBUILD THE LEBANESE NATIONAL ARMY. ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY ATHERTON DID DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN CLOSED  
SESSION LAST WEEK WITH TWO SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SENATE  
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE  
OR CONCLUSIONS REACHED WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THIS  
IS IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR POLICY OF SUPPORTING PRESIDENT  
SARKIS AND THE INDEPENDENCE, UNITY, AND TERRITORIAL INTE-  
GRITY OF LEBANON. VANCE

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